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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR GARCIA BEDOYA COMMENTS ON U.S.-
PERUVIAN RELATIONS

1. AUGUST 16 PRESS CARRIED COMMENTS OF GOP AMBASSADOR TO
U.S. CARLOS GARCIA BEDOYA ON U.S.-PERUVIAN RELATIONS. GARCIA
BEDOYA WAS INTERVIEWED AT AIRPORT AS HE DEPARTED FOR WASHINGTON.

2. THE MAIN THRUST OF THE COMMENTS WAS THAT "...THE U.S. UNDER-
STANDING OF THE REVOLUTIONARY PROCESS, IN LIGHT OF THE DIFFICUL-
TIES BEING FACED AND MEASURES WHICH HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO MODIFY
IT, WILL HAVE TO BE INCREASED." THE AMBASSADOR EMPHASIZED THAT
THE GOP HAS PROCEEDED IN "...AN AUTONOMOUS AND COMPETENT
FASHION TO MAKE ITS TRANSFORMATIONS," AND THEREFORE
"SHOULD BE SUPPORTED." EXPANDING ON THE THEME OF POLITICAL
AUTONOMY AND MUTUAL RESPECT, GARCIA BEDOYA STATED THAT "WHILE
PERU DESIRES TO MAINTAIN ITS FRIENDSHIP WITH THE U.S. AND TO
CONTINUE TO EXPAND ALL FORMS OF COOPERATION, WE HAVE ALWAYS
FELT, AND WE THINK THE U.S. AGREES, THAT THERE ARE CERTAIN RULES
OF THE GAME WHICH MUST BE FOLLOWED".

3. AMBASSADOR GARCIA BEDOYA REFERRED TO A RECENT NY. TIMES
ARTICLE ON PERU TERMING IT "UNBALANCED" AND NEGATIVELY SLANTED.
HE SAID THAT ONLY GOP MEASURES WHICH CAUSED INTERNAL PROBLEMS
WERE MENTIONED, AND THAT "...THE COURAGE THAT IT TOOK TO
SUPPORT THESE MEASURES..." WAS COMPLETELY IGNORED.

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4. THE AMBASSADOR INDICATED THAT HE IS DEVELOPING A "VERY ACTIVE

CAMPAIGN" THROUGH THE U.S. MEDIA TO PRESENT TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT LEADERS THE TRUE STORY OF PERU'S POSITION. HE ALSO MENTIONED THE GREAT INTEREST IN THE PERUVIAN PROCESS THAT IS INDICATED BY THE SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF RECENT ACADEMIC STUDIES AND BOOKS ON PERU. WHILE THESE STUDIES "TEND TO BE CRITICAL OF THE PROCESS, THEY APPROACH THE SUBJECT OF RECENT EVENTS IN A SCIENTIFIC MANNER". SMITH

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